

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MAY W. NEWBURGER

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2003

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of May Newburger, who is serving her fifth term as North Hempstead Town Supervisor. May is an asset to our community, and an excellent role model for our younger generations. Put simply, May is my role model.

Many Long Islanders know May Newburger as the first female chief executive of a Nassau County town. but she is much, much more than that. A graduate of Hunter College and Columbia University, May is an intelligent woman who has worked on local, state and national issues.

Before becoming Supervisor, May spent two years as a Town Councilwoman and eight years as a New York State Assemblywoman. She has worked extensively on behalf of women and children by serving as a New York State delegate to the National White House Conference on Families, chairing the American Jewish Congress' National Commission on Women's Equality, among other committees and commissions.

May's efforts are endless. Under May's responsible and practical supervision, North Hempstead has transformed a \$7 million budget deficit to a \$7.7 million surplus. In fact, the town was the first on Long Island to adopt a debt reduction plan that emphasized the need for long-term strategies. May has built a reputation around her dedication to the environment, securing \$200,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency to designate New Cassel as a Brownfields Pilot Community. She is continually working to protect and preserve our local lands and waterways.

Today, as May Newburger nears her retirement, I honor her for her numerous contributions to our community. May is the reason that I, along with many other women, had the courage to enter politics and government service. Not a day goes by without me reflecting on or using something May has taught me, and I am proud to call her my friend and mentor.

Mr. Speaker, I thank May Newburger on behalf of each and every person whose life she has improved over her years of service.

RECOGNIZING THE CARES
PROGRAM

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2003

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Department of Veterans' Affairs' Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services program.

I was pleased to hear the news from the Department of Veterans' Affairs concerning

their Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services, the CARES program. As a representative of all veterans living in the 4th District of Virginia, access to affordable health care to those who have given so much for our nation is an important goal of mine.

Health care for our nation's veterans should be easily accessible and this realignment plan will help ease the hardship on those folks by lessening commuter time and truncating the waiting period now a common part of health care access.

I strongly support the option for an outpatient clinic offering primary care services to be located in Emporia. The savings incurred by the utilization of these clinics will be passed on to those using the Department of Veterans' Affairs' many services.

In Virginia, 142,000 veterans are enrolled in the Department of Veterans' Affairs health care system. A great amount of the veterans from my district must travel a long distance to see their primary care provider. I believe those who cave so much for their country should not have to drive for miles to see a doctor for basic medical needs. Keeping our commitment to our veterans requires us to give them the option of visiting with a doctor within a reasonable distance.

Through my work in the House and with Secretary of Veterans' Affairs Anthony Principi, I will work to offer all veterans a better quality of life. I look forward to the next few months as the CARES Commission weighs the option of establishing a clinic facility in Emporia, Virginia and a final decision is made by Secretary Principi.

RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE
OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR
THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE
CONGRESSIONAL SCIENCE AND
ENGINEERING FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2003

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, today I am pleased to introduce a resolution recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Congressional Science and Engineering Fellowship Program coordinated by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). This is a truly valuable educational program from the perspective of both Members of Congress and the fellows that serve in it. It gives Ph.D.-level scientists a wonderful opportunity to step out of the lab and into the political process. They get a behind the scenes look at how our laws are made by working as legislative assistants in Congressional offices—writing speeches, developing legislation, and serving as liaisons to Committees on which a Member serves. At the same time, Members of Congress and other policy makers gain a valuable new re-

source to help them better understand the scientific and technical issues underpinning complex policy debates. Six different fellows have served on my staff and each one used their unique talents and understanding to help shape my legislative agenda.

After 30 years this program is still going strong. Over 800 scientists have now served Republican, Democratic and Independent Members of Congress, and many are currently working for Congress and the Administration. These individuals have contributed not only their scientific expertise but also a fresh perspective to policymaking.

Congratulations to AAAS for organizing this program, and, also to all the sponsoring scientific, engineering, and mathematical societies that provide financial support.

HONORING REVEREND REGINALD
TUGGLE

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2003

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Reverend Reginald Tuggle, Pastor of the thriving Memorial Presbyterian Church in Roosevelt, Long Island. The Memorial Presbyterian Church will honor Reverend Tuggle on September 17, 2003.

Reverend Tuggle has spent the past 30 years as a religious and community leader. A well educated and intelligent man, Reverend Tuggle has devoted his adult life to community service and improvement. Reverend Tuggle's work as Pastor of Memorial Presbyterian Church is evidence of his dedication to the people of Roosevelt. Under his leadership, Memorial Presbyterian has grown from less than 50 members to now over 1,000; from an uninvolved to one of the most community service oriented churches in Nassau County.

Most notable is Reverend Tuggle's instrumental role in establishing various youth outreach programs. The Memorial Scholarship Program annually awards scholarships to every graduating high school senior church member pursuing higher education. This has translated into awards in excess of \$200,000 over the past five years! Reverend Tuggle was also behind the Memorial Youth Outreach Council, a non-profit organization that matches at-risk students from the Roosevelt community with positive mentors, and provides students with scholarship awards upon completion of the mentorship program.

Reverend Tuggle also started the Memorial Economic Development Corporation to strengthen the economic environment within Roosevelt. The Corporation's past efforts have included the purchase and renovation of houses in Roosevelt, and its current project is the construction of a much-needed state-of-the-art health clinic.

Reverend Tuggle's reach extends beyond Roosevelt and Long Island. An extensive traveler, he has studied at Central Philippine University and the University of Ghana. He has

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participated in policy conferences and church missions to Russia, Israel, Jordan, Cuba, and Haiti.

Above and beyond all else, Reverend Tuggle is a strong family man. He is married to Evette Beckett-Tuggle, and together they have three daughters.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Reverend Tuggle on behalf of every man, woman and child who has been touched by Reverend Tuggle's preaching and endless and selfless community efforts.

IN OBSERVANCE OF THE SECOND
ANNIVERSARY OF THE ATTACKS
OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2003

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, it is hard to believe that two short years ago this day, our Nation was plagued by horrendous and vicious terrorist attacks against innocent Americans in New York, Pennsylvania, and our very own Commonwealth.

September 11, 2001 was not the beginning of terrorism against the United States. Defense officials tell us that terrorism has posed a risk to our national security for decades, but too often was not considered a large enough threat to heed those warnings. September 11 awoke us to the threat of terrorism. It was forever bookmarked in our history as the day when life as Americans knew it, changed forever.

The attacks on September 11, 2001 made us feel horrified, scared and angry. But as a result of the senseless attacks, Americans found a renewed sense of patriotism. American flags began to fly not just from flagpoles, but they appeared in windows, on doors and vehicles. Just hours after the attacks, men, women and children all across the country held vigils and waved flags showing support for those who lost their lives. The terrorists took many lives and caused our Nation to grieve, but through that grief Americans rose up and refused to let those terrorists take away their spirit and love of America.

I visited the Pentagon a few days after September 11, and I still remember so vividly the smell of terror surrounding the entire building and complex. I was angry that such a brutal act of violence was committed against innocent people.

Since the tragedies, the Department of Homeland Security was established to prevent terrorist attacks within the United States, reduce U.S. vulnerability to terrorism, and most importantly, to share intelligence information among government agencies and departments.

Comprehensive anti-terrorism legislation provides new tools for law enforcement and for improved information sharing among Federal agencies to address terrorist threats. A "clearinghouse" was created to serve as the central location where all foreign- and domestically-generated terrorist threat and intelligence information is collected and reviewed. It is imperative that we harness that knowledge and use it to protect all Americans and help stop terrorist networks.

New laws are now in place to help prevent acts of bioterrorism. Enhanced controls on

deadly biological agents have been implemented, as well as protections to ensure the safety of the food we eat and the water we drink. Just last week, Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson announced that Virginia will receive over \$31 million in Federal funding to help bolster public health preparedness, and make improvements to hospitals to handle mass-casualty incidents.

Great strides have been made in securing our country and helping to fix some of the longstanding problems that we have had with the Immigration and Naturalization Service. While there is still much left to do, we are moving closer to a system that keeps terrorists out of our country, yet provides a fair and efficient service to those who justly migrate into the United States.

We are continuing to strengthen security in our airports, and have also taken steps to keep Americans safe while flying. Commercial airline pilots are now trained and equipped with firearms in the event of a terrorist attack on-board the plane. In addition, the number of Federal air marshals has been increased by 5,000 to respond to potential terrorist threats or attacks on commercial flights.

I also introduced legislation that makes it easier to prosecute terrorists who try to use chemical weapons or other weapons of mass destruction within the United States. I am hopeful that the Judiciary Committee will take action on this important legislation soon.

We grieved with each other two years ago for the loss of our loved ones, friends, neighbors, coworkers and so many others who perished. Nothing will ever repair the losses we suffered as a nation. But today, their memories live on in our hearts and minds. As Americans, we have always had a strong willingness to stand hand-in-hand when times are tough. We must continue to show our patriotism for our great Nation, and show the world that America will not stand for terrorism.

May God bless you and your family on this solemn day.

RECOGNIZING THE PRINCE WILLIAM SENIOR CENTER AT WOODBRIDGE ON ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to honor the Prince William Senior Center at Woodbridge as it reaches its 20th anniversary on September 14, 2003.

The Senior Center was first built in 1983 by Prince William County and renovated in 2002 to provide 10,000 square feet of space for its many classes and services. Throughout its existence the center has provided a gathering place for seniors from the tri-jurisdictional area of Prince William County, the City of Manassas, and the City of Manassas Park.

The center is operated by the Prince William Area Agency on Aging, a part of the Prince William County Government, and is one of the over 670 agencies in a national network of Area Agencies on Aging. The center provides many wonderful chances for seniors to connect with one another and their community,

and helps them continue to lead active and entertaining lives. One such program is the Bluebird Bus tours the center sponsors. These trips include both educational and recreational destinations such as Washington area museums, Niagara Falls, and surprise locations on their "mystery tours."

The center also provides local residents with opportunities to volunteer and brighten the day of a senior citizen through programs that include Meals on Wheels, which provides nutritious, hot meals to homebound seniors, and Friendly Visitors Volunteers who visit once a week with seniors that may otherwise be socially isolated. The Loan Closet and Support Services for seniors are two undertakings of the center which provide home care aids and match seniors and family members to the applicable resources available to them.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to thank the Prince William Senior Center at Woodbridge for being a comprehensive resource for the seniors and the community at large. The services provided to maintain the health and quality of life of seniors, the volunteer opportunities, and the educational and recreational programs sponsored by the center truly are an integral part of the life of the area's seniors. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this exceptional and notable institution.

SEPTEMBER SCHOOL OF THE
MONTH—NEW YORK'S 4TH CON-
GRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2003

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I announce West Hempstead High School in the West Hempstead Union Free School District as School of the Month in the Fourth Congressional District for September 2003.

The principal of West Hempstead High School is Catherine Kalina, Roseanne Scully is the Assistant Principal and the Superintendent of Schools is Carol Eisenberg. This is Catherine's first year as Principal and I am confident she is going to do a wonderful job for the students, faculty, and community. West Hempstead High School has over 900 students in grades 9–12.

I chose West Hempstead High School because of the importance they place, not just on the core curriculum, but on music and art as well. Under the guidance of Steven Siracusa and Gail Sachs-McCurdy, the school's music and art directors, respectively, West Hempstead High School has developed an extremely strong program in each area. To receive a diploma, students are required to earn one credit in music or art. Studies have shown students who participate in music and the arts are more creative, imaginative, and receive a more comprehensive education that will benefit them in their future endeavors.

West Hempstead High School offers a comprehensive music program including Music Theory, Band, Marching Band, Orchestra, Chorus and Jazz Band. The arts program offers an equally varied array of classes, ranging from creative crafts to advertising design to studio in cartooning.

The school has reemphasized its commitment to offering a fully comprehensive educational experience that will prepare each student for meaningful post-high school pursuits. A full regents program is offered ensuring the high standards and expectations West Hempstead has for its' students will be met. Students are offered a wide-ranging variety of courses, including advance placement and college credit opportunities.

Mr. Speaker, the faculty and students, along with the community, have created a wonderful learning environment. I am proud to name West Hempstead High School the school of the month for September 2003.

HONORING EDWARD BANAS, COM-
MANDER-IN-CHIEF, VETERANS
OF FOREIGN WARS

HON. ROB SIMMONS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2003

Mr. SIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor my constituent and fellow Vietnam veteran, Edward S. Banas, Sr. of Voluntown, Connecticut on his election as National Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Edward S. Banas, Sr. served as a Military Policeman in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. By his honorable service from 1965 to 1968 he was awarded the Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Medal and the Army Good Conduct Medal. After Vietnam, Ed Banas joined the Norwich Police Department in 1968, and served with the department for more than 10 years. Whether protecting our Nation and our freedom abroad or protecting and serving the members of his community, Ed Banas has dedicated himself to making life better for our people.

In Vietnam, Ed Banas formed a solid bond with his comrades-in-arms that inspired his volunteer service as a veterans' advocate for more than 30 years. We honor that service here today. His tour of duty in South Vietnam made him eligible for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and he joined VFW Post 1004 in Jewett City, Connecticut in 1967 where he is a Life Member. Since joining the VFW, Ed Banas has served in a variety of Post-level positions, including Post Commander. At the district level, he earned the honor of All-American District Commander. He served as Department Commander of Connecticut in 1993–94.

Ed Banas never forgot his comrades who fell in battle in Vietnam. In February, while serving as Junior Vice Commander-In-Chief, Ed and a delegation from the VFW took part in a 10-day visit to Thailand and Vietnam to gather information on Americans missing from the war in Southeast Asia and to press the issue of POW/MIAs to the government of Vietnam. Through the efforts of Ed Banas and the VFW, we are working to bring those soldiers home. They are not remains; they are heroes and we will never forget them. Today our men and women in uniform are defending our Nation and our interests in dangerous and distant places. We will honor the sacrifices they and their families are making and we will never forget the sacrifices that have been made by those who went before.

Now more than ever we need strong leadership from our veterans' service organizations to help us keep the promise to our veterans and their families. From ensuring our veterans have continued access to timely, quality healthcare to supporting our soldiers currently serving overseas, the VFW is working hard on many battlefronts.

In his message to the VFW National Convention in San Antonio last month, Ed Banas reminded us, "We are the veterans' voice on Capitol Hill and while our battlefields may have shifted from the sands of Iwo Jima to the Halls of Congress that does not mean that we are any less resolved to accomplish our mission today than we were then."

From the moment he first wore the uniform of our great Nation to this very day, Ed Banas has been a courageous, tireless and honorable servant of our Nation and our people. He has more missions to accomplish and I will be proud to help him. As a Vietnam veteran, I am keenly aware of the important role that the VFW plays in the lives of America's veterans. Through its vast network of posts, the VFW helps veterans build strong communities, and serves as a vital resource to its members, from World War II era veterans up to our newly returning soldiers from Iraq. I know that Ed Banas has all the energy and enthusiasm necessary to make his year as Commander-in-Chief of the VFW a successful one.

Ed and his wife Sandra, a nurse at the Westerly Hospital, are the proud parents of five children, and live in Voluntown, Connecticut.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize my friend and constituent, Edward Banas, Sr. and to extend to him my heartiest congratulations for his years of wonderful service. I wish him and his family all the best as he begins his new tour of duty as the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Commander-in-Chief for 2003–2004.

TRIBUTE TO ALICE ERRINGTON

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2003

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, in the hustle and bustle of doing the people's work here in the Nation's capital, we sometimes neglect to recognize the people who make America the great nation that she is. America's greatness can be found in everyday people who work hard, raise their children as best they can, and sacrifice for their country. In short, America's greatness can be found in people like Alice Errington of Harrison Township, MI.

Alice was born and raised on Staten Island, New York, and attended Hunter College in Manhattan. In 1951, she married Bill Errington just after he completed pilot training in the United States Air Force. The couple lived in Texas, Arizona, Florida, Bermuda, California, and New Mexico before moving, to Michigan in 1966. Their first two children, Glenn and Claire, were born in Arizona, son Daniel in Bermuda, and daughter Joan in California. After Bill retired from the Air Force, the family moved to Harrison Township, MI.

Alice started her career in public affairs in 1973 as a GS-03 clerk-typist at the Selfridge

Air National Guard Base. As the organization of the Guard units at Selfridge evolved, Alice remained in public affairs and became a public affairs specialist. In 1992, she became the public affairs officer.

In addition to being a busy Air Force wife and mother to four children, Alice worked as a substitute teacher in the public schools, and was active in chapel and garden club activities. Since 1972, she has been a member of Knox Church, where she is a Sunday School teacher and treasurer of the adult Sunday School class. Alice is also a board member of the Michigan Air Guard Historical Association, a volunteer at the Selfridge Air Museum, and a member of the Mount Clemens Chapter of the Air Force Association, where she serves as military liaison.

Alice will soon be retiring, and she looks forward to spending more time with her family, which now includes eight grandchildren. She will combine that with the pursuit of studies and hobbies that she has placed on the back-burner for awhile.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing the greatness of America as found in Alice Errington and people like her. I yield back the remainder of my time.

RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING
EFFORTS OF SABRINA MONN

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2003

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and highlight the heroic acts of one of my constituents who has taken a leading role in the rebuilding of Afghanistan.

Sabrina Monn, a 1998 graduate of James Buchanan High School in the Mercersburg area, was among the reserves called up to serve with the U.S. Army's 109th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment in Afghanistan.

Sabrina made the most of her tour. Through e-mails to Mrs. Mary Stoner, a former teacher of hers at James Buchanan, Sabrina has brought to life what an amazing job our troops are doing in Afghanistan. Sabrina has also eloquently outlined to current students the hardships of what the citizens of Afghanistan endured while under the oppression of the Taliban.

Equally as important, Sabrina has highlighted the amazing work she and other members of our reserves are doing in Afghanistan to rebuild their country and to return freedom to the people.

In her correspondence, Sabrina rightly notes that the effort we are making in Afghanistan goes a long way in helping the country rebuild, not only with concrete and pavement, but with compassion and support.

The students at Sabrina's old high school have responded remarkably. Recently, they took up Sabrina's call to action and collected well over \$1,000 to send to the village where Sabrina was stationed. They did not stop there, they also have sent more than 50 boxes of school supplies, clothing and toys. The efforts of Sabrina and the community have truly made a difference.

This is America at its best. The attacks of September 11th have shown to the world that the United States will act swiftly to rid the

world of terrorism. But the attacks also rallied the American people to display compassion for others.

Whether displayed through the incredible heroism exhibited by the firefighters and rescue workers in New York City, the Pentagon or a field in Somerset County, or the outpouring of donations from around the country for the impoverished people in Afghanistan, Americans have met the challenge.

Mr. Speaker, Sabrina Monn is a classic example of America at its best. She embodies the spirit that will allow us to overcome the challenges represented by September 11th and propel us to a brighter future. I commend her for all of her efforts and encourage others to take her and James Buchanan High School's example in making America and the world a better place to live.

FREEDOM SERVICE DOGS

HON. BOB BEAUPREZ

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2003

Mr. BEAUPREZ. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise today and deliver this Proclamation honoring Freedom Service Dogs, Inc. on the Occasion of its 16th Anniversary.

Whereas, Freedom Service Dogs is celebrating its 16th year of exemplary service to people with mobility impairments by providing them with service dogs and,

Whereas, Freedom Service Dogs was founded by Mike Roche, who served the people of Colorado as a paramedic, and P.J. Roche, a dog trainer, and

Whereas, Freedom Service Dogs provides enhanced independence of Colorado citizens with mobility impairments by training dogs to open doors, turn on lights, pull wheelchairs, pick up dropped items, tug on and off clothing, and alert for help when needed and,

Whereas, Freedom Service Dogs saves the lives of dozens of good dogs abandoned in animal shelters by training them for service to those with mobility impairments, and,

Whereas, Freedom Service Dogs provides people with mobility impairments to more fully participate in their community, and enjoy increased confidence, self-esteem and social acceptance, and,

Whereas, Freedom Service Dogs is a charitable organization that charges no fees for its service and relies on the support of our community to perform its good work, and,

Whereas, Freedom Service Dogs serves as a model for improving our community by helping those who live in it.

The Congressman of the 7th District of the State of Colorado, The Honorable BOB BEAUPREZ issues this proclamation of congratulations and recognition to Freedom Service Dogs celebrating 16 years of service and commends this extraordinary organization to our fellow citizens.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, 2003 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 17

- 10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine digital right management and privacy issues. SD-253
- Energy and Natural Resources
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-366
- Finance
Business meeting to consider S. 1548, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for the production of renewable fuels and to simplify the administration of the Highway Trust Fund fuel excise taxes, Extension of Highway Trust Fund Provisions, and National Employee Savings and Trust Equity Guarantee Act. SD-215
- Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine what can be done to ensure the future viability of the U.S. Postal Service. SD-342
- Indian Affairs
To hold hearings to examine S. 420, to provide for the acknowledgement of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina. SR-485
- Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Margaret Catharine Rodgers, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida, Roger W. Titus, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, George W. Miller, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and David W. McKeague, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit. SD-226
- 1:30 p.m.
Conferees
Meeting of conferees on H.R. 2555, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. S-128, Capitol
- 2 p.m.
Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine effective federal, state and local law enforce-

ment strategies to combat gang violence in America. SD-226

- 2:30 p.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gwendolyn Brown, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Karen K. Bhatia, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, and Charles Darwin Snelling, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority. SR-253
- Foreign Relations
International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine West Africa and Latin America in relation to U.S. Energy Security. SD-419

SEPTEMBER 18

- 9 a.m.
Environment and Public Works
Business meeting to consider a bill to extend the authority of TEA-21 (Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century) for five months, to be immediately followed by a hearing to consider the nomination of Michael O. Leavitt, of Utah, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. SD-406
- 9:30 a.m.
Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine how to internationalize Iraq reconstruction and organize the U.S. government to administer reconstruction efforts. TBD
- 10 a.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Aging Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine financial abuse of the elderly. SD-430
- Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Business meeting to markup the National Consumer Credit Reporting System Improvement Act of 2003 and the Defense Production Reauthorization Act of 2003. SD-538

- Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine railroad shipper issues and S. 919, to amend title 49, United States Code, to enhance competition among and between rail carriers in order to ensure efficient rail service and reasonable rail rates. SR-253
- 10:30 a.m.
Judiciary
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-226
- 2:30 p.m.
Judiciary
Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine state and local law enforcement of immigration laws in relation to stopping terrorism. SD-226
- Energy and Natural Resources
Water and Power Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine S. 213, to clear title to certain real property in New Mexico associated with the Middle Rio Grande Project, S. 1236, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to estab-

lish a program to control or eradicate tamarisk in the western States, S. 1516, to further the purposes of the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 by directing the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the commissioner of Reclamation, to carry out an assessment and demonstration program to assess potential increases in water availability for Bureau of Reclamation projects and other uses through control of salt cedar and Russian olive, H.R. 856, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to revise a repayment contract with the Tom Green County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, San Angelo project, Texas, and H.R. 961, to promote Department of the Interior efforts to provide a scientific basis for the management of sediment and nutrient loss in the Upper Mississippi River Basin. SD-366

- Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters. SH-219

SEPTEMBER 23

- 10 a.m.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and restoring investor confidence. SD-538
- Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine health technology. SD-430

SEPTEMBER 24

- 10 a.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-430
- Indian Affairs
To hold hearings to examine S. 1601, to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to provide for the reporting and reduction of child abuse and family violence incidences on Indian reservations. SR-485

SEPTEMBER 25

- 9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine the report of the Panel to Review Sexual Misconduct Allegations at the United States Air Force Academy. SH-216
- 10 a.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine intellectual diversity. SD-430
- Indian Affairs
To hold hearings to examine proposed legislation to reauthorize the Head Start program. Room to be announced

- 2:30 p.m.
Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Richard Eugene Hoagland, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan, Pamela P. Willeford, of Texas, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein, and

James Casey Kenny, of Illinois, to be
Ambassador to Ireland.

SD-419

SEPTEMBER 30

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the state of
the securities industry.

SD-538

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Serv-
ices Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine underage
drinking.

SD-430

OCTOBER 2

2 p.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 1438, to
provide for equitable compensation of
the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the
Spokane Reservation in settlement of
claims of the Tribe concerning the con-
tribution of the Tribe to the produc-
tion of hydropower by the Grand Cou-
lee Dam.

SR-485

OCTOBER 16

10 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Mis-
souri River Master Manual.

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OCTOBER 21

10 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 1565, to
reauthorize the Native American Pro-
grams Act of 1974.

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POSTPONEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 17

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Serv-
ices Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the report
of the Mental Health Commission.

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